National Resource Centre for Women

2058. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN :

SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3883, given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th April, 2001 and state :

(a) whether Government have since finalised the proposal to set up a National Resource Centre for Women (NRCW); and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI) SUMITRA MAHAJAN] : (a) and (b) The proposal is yet to be finalized.

Backing up of Technical Institutions without AICTE Approval

2059. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether relevance of the monitoring bodies like the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has been questioned by many authorities, as many multinational companies are backing up institutes without AICTE's approval and

(b) if so, the action proposed to ensure that education system does not turn into a business ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI RITA VERMA) : (a) and (b) Although the relevance of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has not been specifically questioned, some references have been received regarding the decision taken by AICTE on approval of Institutions. There have also been many cases filed in various courts of law in this regard. Approval of AICTE is required for imparting technical education at degree and diploma level which is considered on the basis of duly prescribed regulation and also keeping in view the availability of infrastructural facilities like building, class-rooms, faculty etc. as per the prescribed norms and standards. As soon as the existence of any unapproved techincal institute